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### **Ceremony planned for mobilized Ashland National Guard Unit**

Brig. Gen. Kerry Denson, commander of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, will be in Ashland tomorrow [Saturday, Feb. 22] to take part in a community ceremony for members of the 106th Engineer Detachment. The Ashland-based unit, with 53 members, was mobilized Feb. 10 and is expected to deploy in the near future on short notice.

The ceremony is expected to begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. and last 30 minutes. It will be held at the Ashland armory, 420 Sanborn Avenue, Ashland. In addition to Denson, local and state community and political leaders will attend and wish the troops well.

The 106th Engineer Detachment's military mission is to operate a rock-crushing machine at quarry sites to make gravel for road construction. It is one of ten Wisconsin Army National Guard units currently on active duty, with a total of more than 950 soldiers.

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**EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS:** The ceremony is open to the public and news media, and you are invited to cover this event. We expect to have about 53 deploying unit members and their families, in addition to senior military and civilian officials.

**Gen. Denson and his party will arrive at the Duluth airport by military transport plane and will travel by automobile to Ashland. The exact time of their arrival is unknown, but is expected to be shortly before 2:30 p.m. The ceremony will begin after their arrival. Participants will be available to news media representatives briefly after the ceremony.**